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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 09/677,752	:	DECISION GRANTING
Filed: October 2, 2000	:	PETITION
Attorney Docket No. 2479.0050000/EJH/C-K	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed July 10, 2006, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of October 2, 2000, rather than the presently accorded date of October 3, 2000. The petition is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c).

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail Service on October 2, 2000. In support, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail receipt No. EL 501 634 175 US (the same Express Mail number found on the original application papers located in the official file) showing a "date in" of October 2, 2000, which is verified by a stamped date by the United States Postal Service at Grand Central Station in New York, NY of October 2, 2000.


The Office considers the date the paper or fee is shown to have been deposited as "Express Mail" to be the "date-in" on the Express Mail label; MPEP 513. The evidence is convincing that the application was deposited as "Express Mail" with the U. S. Postal Service on October 2, 2000.

In view of the above, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Enclosed is a Corrected Filing Receipt.

This application file is being referred to the Group Art Unit 1645 for consideration of the December 29, 2006 response to the Notice of a Non-Responsive Amendment mailed December 1, 2006.

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed Denise Pothier at (571) 272-4787.
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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US09/677,752**

Projected Publication Date: None, application is not eligible for pre-grant publication

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

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Title

CHLAMYDIA PROTEIN, GENE SEQUENCE AND THE USES THEREOF

Preliminary Class

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